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EXDIS FOR MOOSE FROM HARROP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MOOSE, RICHARD M.)

SUBJECT:VARIOUS

REF: (A) CONAKRY 1449; (B) CONAKRY 1457; (C) USUN 3048

1. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A:

A. THE FRENCH HAVE NOT YET BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US ON OFFICIAL REQUESTS FOR SHABA FORCE RE-SUPPLY WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD THEY WERE TO IDENTIFY AND AGGREGATE. MEANWHILE WE ARE GIVING CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO APPROACHING THE FRENCH IN A LOW-KEY WAY TO ASCERTAIN THEIR OWN INTENTIONS ON THIS QUESTION WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME GIVING THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST FURTHER OR TO TAKE THE LEAD.

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B. SIMILARLY WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO MOBUTU ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE LOGISTICAL OR OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE BORDER VERIFICATION COMMISSION PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRAZZAVILLE AGREEMENT OF JULY 29. MOBUTU TOLD CUTLER ANY SUCH FORMAL REQUEST WOULD COME THROUGH

THE OAU (NONE YET RECEIVED). MOREOVER, IT APPEARS

PLANNING FOR COMMISSION HAS NOT YET GOTTEN TO THE STAGE WHICH WOULD PERMIT ESTIMATES OF TYPE OR LEVELS OF SUPPORT REQUIRED, OR WHAT GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE ASKED TO HELP. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE ENGAGED IN CONTINGENCY PLANNING WHICH WOULD PERMIT US, WHEN ASKED, TO RESPOND PROMPTLY.

C. NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT HELPING UNHCR WITH ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN REFUGEES. SEE REFTEL C, WHICH IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU BY SEPTTEL, FOR LATEST DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION.

2. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REF B:

(A) BELIEVE IT BEST THAT YOU NOT REPEAT NOT SEND INTERIM MESSAGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM CONAKRY BUT THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU RETURN TO MAKE A FULL REPORT.

(B) REGARDING BUMPERS MATTER, FRANCES AND GIB ARE TALKING TO BUMPERS' STAFF TO DETERMINE HOW SERIOUS A MATTER THIS IS. IF ANY ACTION IS REQUIRED, WE WILL BE IN TOUCH. VANCE

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